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**Amendments to the Claims**

Please cancel Claims 10-19. Please amend Claim 1. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

**Claim Listing**

1. (Currently Amended) A cue stick tip shaper for shaping and reshaping a cue tip on a cue stick used for playing pool or billiards, comprising:
  - a base;
  - an arrangement of articulable guides for receiving and aligning a cue stick tip received therebetween, each guide independently slidable relative to the base; and
  - a scuff surface arranged on said base in alignment with said guides, for shaping a playing surface of said cue tip, the scuff surface having a generally hemispheric shape, the base, the guides and the scuff surface cooperating to maintain a cue stick in longitudinal alignment with the scuff surface on the base plate, the rotation of the cue stick about its longitudinal axis and pressuring of the tip thereon against the scuff surface providing a generally hemispheric contour to cue tip that is substantially concentric with the longitudinal axis of the cue stick.
2. (Previously Presented) The cue tip shaper as recited in claim 1, wherein each of said guides has a groove thereon to define a channel for receipt of only a portion of said cue stick.
3. (Previously Presented) The cue tip shaper as recited in claim 1, wherein each of said guides includes a lubricious material.
4. (Previously Presented) The cue stick tip shaper as recited in claim 3, wherein said base has an arrangement of elongated slots thereon for receipt of a shoulder screw for movable securement of said guides to said base.

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5. (Previously Presented) The cue stick tip shaper as recited in claim 2, wherein said groove comprises a "V" shaped notch arranged on a front face of each of said guides.
6. (Previously Presented) The cue stick tip shaper as recited in claim 1, wherein each of said guides is slidable with respect to one another to provide an adjustable opening for a cue stick disposed therebetween.
7. (Previously Presented) The cue stick tip shaper as recited in claim 1, wherein each of said guides is connected to said base.
8. (Previously Presented) The cue stick tip shaper as recited in claim 1, wherein said scuff surface comprises a generally hemispherically shaped cutout arranged on an upper surface of said base.
9. (Previously Presented) The cue stick tip shaper as recited in claim 8, wherein said scuff surface comprises a replaceable insert of grit material.
10. - 19. (Cancelled)